

of an important secret of Longitudes at sea, and to claim the considerable rewards promised by many great-powers, as England, France, Spain, and the United Provinces.

L O N D O N .

April 25. The 22d instant, about 8 in the evening, three of the king's messengers, accompanied by two constables, went to a house in the Haymarket; where Mr. Kennedy, an Irish colonel in the service of France, lodged; and took the said gentleman into custody, seiz'd his papers, and carried him directly to the Cockpit, where he was examined; after which he was ordered into the custody of one of the messengers, with a charge to let no man speak to him, and keep him from pen, ink, and paper. When he was apprehended, there were eight gentlemen at his lodgings, all Irish, three of whom are likewise in the Spanish service. It is about six months since Mr. Kennedy has been in town, and as he generally kept company with his countrymen, and frequently received visits late at night, it was suspected that some unlawful intrigues were carried on at these nocturnal meetings. Moreover it is pretended, that this officer is well known to the Pretender's eldest son, and that he had received advices concerning him since his departure from Paris, and from Avignon; which circumstances have contributed to strengthen the suspicion of some illegal or treasonable correspondence. Yesterday a report was made to the king of the examination of this officer, and in the evening a courier was sent away to Paris with dispatches for Col. Yorke, his majesty's minister there. As some of the gentlemen that were at his lodgings, when he was taken up, have not been seen since, it is supposed they have thought fit to abscond.

May 4. A short time since, four sailors, with four women, went to a noted marrying-house near the Fleet, where sending for a parson, they told him, that they wanted to be married. The parson asked one of the sailors, which woman he was to be married to? He said, he did not know, but he liked such a one best, and was going to be married to her; but the other sailors prevent it, saying it was not fair he should have the first choice. It was then proposed, and agreed to both by men and women, to put nine pieces of gold into a hat (having just received their prize-money), and he that hustled most heads in three hustles was to have the first choice; and he that hustled most next to him, was to have the second choice; and so to the last, who was to have her the other three had left. After which they honestly stood to their agreement, and were all married accordingly. Whereupon they took coaches, gave the coachmen white cockades, ordering them to drive to Rochester, where they all consummated their nuptials.

May 13. Some letters from Italy advise, that a misunderstanding has arisen between the French and Genoese; and that the former are determined to maintain the Posts they have got possession of in Corsica, 'till matters are adjusted.

Three men of war shovs are sailed for the coast of Scotland, in pursuit of a French private of 30 guns, that has been hovering for some time about the Orkneys.

Last Tuesday his serene highness the duke of Modena, had an audience of his majesty at Kensington.

We hear that a proposal is on foot for sending two other large vessels for the discovery of the North West passage.

We hear that the settlers of Nova Scotia are to have several strong forts erected in the different towns, to be named and settled by the governor, and 1400 soldiers garrison'd therein, for their defence against the native savage inhabitants, of which 'tis said there are but few; and each settler will have for his defence a musquet, powder and ball.

We likewise hear that the governor will stick up a declaration intimating, that altho' the few families of French who inhabit there, were greatly aiding and assisting to our enemies during the late war; yet if they will now give all the assistance in their power to the settlers, and take an oath of fidelity to his Britannic majesty, they shall peaceably enjoy all the lands they have cleared, and are in possession of.

Twenty bombardiers, and a hundred matrosses and gunners were last Thursday draughted out of the train of artillery at Woolwich, to be sent to Nova Scotia; where 300 carpenters, masons, bricklayers, &c. are also going, to erect forts in that colony; one hundred pieces of cannon being ordered there for that purpose.

Last Thursday the Catharine yacht sailed from Greenwich for Calais, to bring over the earl of

Carlisle upon the Genoese territories; and 'tis said, have challenged the commander in chief of the pope's galleys to come out and fight them. In the mean time, we are assured that those galleys, with others from Genoa, and diverse Italian states, are actually preparing to go in quest of those freebooters, who cruize so fully mann'd, as to seem a match for any of the vessels in those seas.

Last Thursday the experiment so long depending between the English and Saxon cannon, was tried at Windsor before his royal highness the duke of Cumberland, the duke of Montagu, duke of Richmond, lord Sandwich, and several people of quality; it begun by firing at a target of about one foot diameter, at 700 yards distance, which was shot thro' the center the first shot from the English twenty four pounder, and several exceeding fine shots were afterwards made by the several guns; fired out of; they afterwards fired grape shot to great perfection, and concluded by firing of eighty six shot out of the English six pounder in nine minutes; which was afterwards attempted by the Saxon gun, but his carriage broke after firing of fifty shot; on which his royal highness gave orders for both the guns being dismounted and loaded with five pounds of powder each, which broke the Saxon gun; but the English gun stood the firing afterwards with six pounds. His royal highness and the rest of the nobility express'd great satisfaction at the behaviour of the men of the artillery.

On Tuesday morning was held, at Bow-church in Cheap-side, the general Meeting of the society corresponding with the incorporated society in Dublin, for promoting protestant working schools in Ireland, at which were present about 200 gentlemen; amongst whom were the right hon. the earls of Kildare and Belington; the right rev. the lords bishops of Worcester, Peterborough, Londonderry, and Waterford; the lord Tullamore; the hon. and rev. Sir Philip Hobbs, Bart. Sir Thomas Chapman, Bart. the right hon. Edward Southwell, Esq; Sir Peter Warren, knight of the bath; Sir Joseph Hankey, knight and alderman; Mr. alderman Bethell; the hon. Mr. Trevor, and many other persons of distinction. After an excellent sermon preached by the rev. Dr. Nicholls, chaplain in ordinary to his majesty, and assistant preacher at the temple; (from Isaiah lx. 22. "A little one shall become a thousand, and a small one a strong nation: I the Lord will hasten it in his time") the society proceeded to Drapers hall, where an elegant entertainment was provided, and the whole conducted with great regularity. By particular directions of the society, no French wine was permitted to be drank in the hall.

Letters from Italy, by Tuesday's mail, bring advice, that the Algerines have made a descent upon the Genoese territories between Bonaco and Mentona, and carried off 100 persons, whom they have made prisoners, besides several vessels. They are commanded by one Marata, a renegade of Rome.

B O S T O N .

July 6. Last Monday morning arrived here the sloop Dove — Orne master, from Louisbourg, but last from Cheboctau harbour in Nova-Scotia, with letters from col. Cornwallis, governor of that province, giving an account that he arrived in that harbour the 21st of June last in his majesty's ship Sphinx. Capt. Lloyd, having had but a month's passage from England: The Dove in coming out of Cheboctau harbour, met with Cape Roux, in one of his majesty's sloops of war, with 11 transports entering in, having on board 2000 settlers, in good health, for Nova Scotia: They have brought with them, provisions, arms, ammunition, stores, and all necessary utensils for fortifying, building, agriculture; &c. in order to bring forward the settlement of that colony. The plate they intend to settle first, is at or near Cheboctau harbour. The same encouragement that has been given to furnish the British troops, lately disbanded, who entered into that service, is likewise given to such of governor Shirley's and Sir William Pepperrell's regiments, also lately disbanded, as shall engage therein.

'Tis said that several vessels from France, are arriv'd at Cape Breton, and in the Capparouge-bay, in order to take possession of Louisbourg; when relinquish'd by the English; and that two eighty gun ships with a number of other vessels, which sail'd with them were daily expected.

July 10. The sloop Dove, which arrived here last Monday, has just been ordered to return to the service.